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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

First, the Examiner's objection to the specification at line 3, paragraph [0096], has been addressed by amending paragraph [0096].

With respect to the claim objections based on 35 USC 112, claims 28 and 62 have been amended to address the Examiner's objections.

The only independent claim now pending is claim 62. Claim 62 has been amended to include the feature of cancelled claim 63, namely reciting a first panel member with at least one inner surface treated with a material having non-adhesive properties, where the non-adhesive material is a suitable plastic film that is laminated at least onto the inner surface.

Boeshart and Harkenrider each disclose two completely different approaches to creating a concrete form.

Harkenrider discloses essentially the old conventional way of making a concrete form using sheets made out of plywood to make a form. This approach of using plywood as the basic material is very old.

By contrast, Boeshart generally discloses a more modern approach to making concrete forms utilizing a pair of spaced polystyrene panels. The applicant's present invention as defined in claim 62, adopts this general modern approach.

Harkenrider discloses a "laminate of plywood and plastic..." and "The plastic coating provides a smooth relatively non-stick surface for the concrete." However, Harkenrider does not teach or suggest laminating a plastic film to a foamed plastic panel as is provided in amended claim 62.

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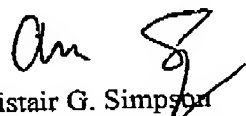
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It is respectfully submitted that this combination would clearly not be obvious. There would be no motivation to take one part of the combination of a laminate of plywood and plastic (i.e. the plastic) and then combine it with the foamed plastic panel of Boeshart.

Applicant also notes that by laminating a plastic film to a foamed plastic panel, applicant achieves two benefits in a synergistic effect, namely providing a surface which prevents adhesion with poured concrete AND which makes the foamed plastic panels stronger [see paragraphs [0085] and [0086]. There is no suggestion in Harkenrider of achieving this innovative result.

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner allow claim 62 and all the claims that are dependent thereon.

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